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1. "Baza Protuvajionsek Obreane Zagreb" - Anti-Aircraft Battalion: Until some time ago, this battalion was deployed in the Remete-Gracani-Sestine zone, at the foot of the Sljeme-Medvednica-Zagredacka Mountains. This battalion was transferred about mid-October 1948 to a zone between Dubrava and Bucovec, in the neighborhood of the Borongaj airport, north of the main highway which connects Zagreb with Sesvete and Dugo Selo. The troops are quartered in newly-built barracks. The battalion has about 630 men, including six officers and twenty-four non-commissioned officers. The majority of the troops are from Slovenia, and belong to the 1927 and 1928 classes. The battalion commander is Major Teo Karlovic, a nephew of General Karlovic, former commander of the "Bjelovaskj Srdug" (Bjelovar Corps of the "Hrvatski Demobranci") during the war. Major Karlovic collaborated with Tito's partisans and was promoted to the rank of officer during that campaign. He attended a training course for pilots in the Soviet Union and returned to Yugoslavia in 1945.
2. The battalion consists of five groups of which three are composed of three batteries, and two of two batteries each. Each battery of the first three groups is equipped with two anti-aircraft guns of Russian type, while the batteries of the remaining two groups are equipped with four Soviet heavy machine guns of 12.7 mm. caliber.
3. Officers carry a 9 mm Belgian pistol of the "FN" type; non-commissioned officers have sub-machine guns of Soviet make with a magazine of 48 rounds; troops carry rifles of Yugoslav make of the "Kragujevac" type with five 9 mm cartridges.
4. Officers always carry ammunition for their side arms; troops, however, carry ammunition only when on guard duty. The ammunition for the anti-aircraft guns and the sub-machine guns is stored in the Savaka Cesta military depot at Zagreb.
5. Experiments for Launching of Torpedoes: Experiments in torpedo launching were carried out in the gulf of Makarsk about the middle of October 1948. The torpedoes were manufactured at the factory in Fiume. The result of the experiments was completely negative, since the torpedoes, after a trajectory of about 100 meters, sunk suddenly, probably because of the

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faulty functioning of the propulsion apparatus. The manufacture of torpedoes in Yugoslavia is hampered by the lack of materials and technical supervision which were once supplied by the Soviet Union.

6. Radar Installation in the Gulf of Kotor (Cattaro): A radar installation will be set up in the zone of the Gulf of Kotor. Thus far only the tower has been built. During September 1948 the command of the Yugoslav Navy requested its representatives abroad to purchase as soon as possible radar equipment for the installation of two stations to be set up in Yugoslav ports. It is believed that the necessary material will be eventually purchased in Belgium.
7. Experiments on Blind Landing: An airplane, equipped with a high-frequency radiogoniometer for landing by means of the "S.C.S. 51" system, recently arrived at the Devica Marija Polju (Ljubljana) airport. It came from the military field of Divulje, near Split. On 18, 20, and 21 October 1948, successful blind landing experiments were made.

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